



ZIOGELIS
"The Grasshoppers"

A Favorite Lithuanian
Folk Dance

Showing 3rd figure, B.
Drawing by Robert Treonis



PRE—TOUR GET—TOGETHER

Friends of ye editor came to spend a few hours to visit and dine ere they were dispersed for their respective tours. May 6th was the day. The guests were; Lt. Frank Gaushas, who was leaving the following Friday for 15 months in Okinawa, Miss Bernice Welicka, and Mr. and Mrs. Algirdas Brijunas. Al Brijunas won the title of Mr. Chicago and soon after the May 6th date he left for the National Contest which was held in Philadelphia. Ye editor is, of course, touring now the West. That same day Vyts was visited by Will Kinsey (not related to the Kinsey report man), a folk dancer from San Francisco. Miss Ann Sereika, an ATEITIS member, took Will and Brother Bernard, for a spin through the city and an outdoor movie.

SEEING THE WORLD

Miss Robinette Woodside of Lodi, Calif. is touring Europe with the Youth Hostel group. Her mother accompanied Robinette as far as New York, driving through various midwestern cities and stopping everywhere for some folk dancing... Chico and Chabela Hernandez and their children spent two weeks vacation in Juarez, Mexico... Numbered among the VILTIS readers who are visiting Rome during the Holy Year pilgrimages are fathers Stasys Raila of Philadelphia, Peter Cinikas, Chicagoan, and Editor of the Marion, and Father James Slikas of Sheboygan, Wis... Russell Pickering

and Bernice Bromby, two active members of the Madsen Folk Dance group of Toronto, Canada, are spending the summer in Denmark, Sweden and Norway... Matteo Vittucci, dancer with the Metropolitan Opera Co. and student with LaMeri's famous Ethnologic Dance Center, took off several afternoons during his Chicago tour to visit with Beliajus, who, together with Larry Golden, went on a sightseeing tour through the city... George Fedors, a Minnesota folk dancer, came in to Chicago for the VILTIS festival and spent a few hours at the editorial office...

TEODORAS CHAMSKAS

Our D. P. pal, Teodoras, who with his family is making is home in far away Devils Lake, N. Dakota, removed from any Lithuanian contact, is doing mighty well for himself. He came here one year ago without any knowledge of the English language, he won a first prize on an essay entitled "Peace with Honor for America" He was graduated from St. Mary's Academy high school this May 25th. He won a prize for a "Poppy Poster" contest drawing, was active in various sport contests, belonged to the choir and was the official photographer for the Academy's Year Book. He is 19. Theodore plans to go this fall to a University. Bravo Brolau!

MICHAEL HERMAN IN MINNESOTA

The Morry Gelman groups invited Michael Herman, noted New York Folk Dance leader, for an instructional visit during May 23rd. Kolo sessions were held at the YMCA and afterwards a "jam" session at the home of the Jacques Wessons. Much credit to Morry for bringing out various leaders to his part of the country where previously barely anyone has set foot.



Landfeld-Wolff

A glass of wine was drunk, and the glass itself shattered to bits, as all joyously extended a "Mazal Tow" to the new Mr. and Mrs. William Wolff who received their marriage vows under the "Hupa" (Canopy) in the Beverley Chateau of Los Angeles, Calif. on June 18th. The bridegroom, who will be remembered from his participation at the VILTIS 8th anniversary concert where he sang Hassidic Nigunim, is a graduate Cantor, having completed his studies in Chicago, where he also participated in the activities of the College of Jewish Studies. He is a native of Toronto, Canada. The new Mrs. Wolff is the former Sylvia Landfeld of Los Angeles where she was active in the "Young Judea Movement." A cantorial job is awaiting Bill, commencing this fall, with the Jewish congregation of Sioux City, Iowa. A "Mazal Tow" to the both of you from VILTIS, too.

Rohr-Totten

Fairhope's handsome and popular Edward Totten, met his match at the International House of the University of Chicago in the person of Fraulein Christina Rohr of Heidelberg, Germany, and civil ceremony took place in beautiful Fairhope on May 12th. The church rites will take place in Heidelberg at the church of the Holy Ghost (Heilig Geistkirche).

"Don Edward Totten was born and raised in Fairhope where he graduated from the School of Organic Education in 1940. His education at San Diego State College, San Diego, Calif., was interrupted by the war when he became a Naval Aviator. After the war he resumed his studies at the University of Chicago where he received his Master of Arts degree in Geography in March of this year, and where he is doing work toward his Doctor's degree.

It was in International at Chicago, where he has been a resident for several years that he met Miss Christian Rohr, who is studying there under guest privileges for students holding a Ph D from foreign universities.

Miss Rohr was born in Frankfurt-Oder, Germany. She studied Literature and Sociology at the Universities of Berlin and Heidelberg where she received her Ph D and consequently an Assistantship in Sociology: In April, 1949, she came to this country with a group of German scholars in order to study the pattern of American Higher Education. After a three months study tour through colleges and universities of the East and Middle-West, Miss Rohr received a scholarship at the University of Chicago where she is doing research work in the field of public opinion.

At the end of the school year Mr. Totten and Miss Rohr are planning to go together to the University of Heidelberg to study and teach there for some time.



Daiva Terese Stasė Yokubynas

The above collection of pretty names was given to the "blessed event", a little 7½ lb. daughter which ar-

rived on May 5th to Benedict and Stasė Yokubynas, of Toronto, Canada. "Daiva" is the Lithuanian word for a "goddess". We are sure, she must be a little angel, to say the least. Ben's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Yokubynas are a prominent Toronto family and active in active in cultural and charitable organizations among the Lithuanians. To the parents and grandparents and Daiva VILTIS extends "Ilgiausiu Metų."

Donald Treonis

A new Ziogelis (see drawing in this issue by Bob Treonis) arrived at St. Elizabeths to Stella (nee Kaupas) and Bob Treonis on May 7th, which made the date doubly important, for on May 7th a year ago. Bob and Stelle were Married. The boy, who weighed 8 pounds upon arrival, was named Donald. Bob is the president if ATEITIS. He met Stella in the ATEITIS organization and Don is a product of that romance. To the new papa and mama and to the Kaupas—Treonis families, VILTIS takes great delight of extending felicitations.



The Ateitis practice room was a cloud of smoke. I coughed my way into the room and waved the smoke from my eyes. I soon perceived the cause of the mist. There stood a group of male Ateitis members with big, fat cigars protruding from their mouths. Reason: Bob Treonis was celebrating the arrival of his new baby boy.

I always knew Bob and Stella were good members of Ateitis. Seeing that we do not have a sufficient amount of male dancers, they provided a future Ateitis male dancer for us. I hope Donald Treonis does dance as well as mommy and poppy.

Smoking cigars is not only a good way to celebrate new babies, but also a good way, as Pete demonstrated, to choke your opposing partner in "Oželis" to defeat.

Those cigars proved this is a man's world. Women, because they do not smoke cigars, are unable to celebrate arrivals of bundles from heaven. I hereby advocate the abolishment of the custom of passing out cigars on such occasions as it is a discrimination against women.

Did you notice the signs of the coming summer displayed by most of our members? Half of the group received hair cuts within one week. (Both boys and girls)

To turn from nonsense, I'd like to turn to the Viltis concert. It was a gala affair and seemed to be a miniature St. Louis Festival. All participants of the Viltis concert went to eat at Vyt's expense after the program. We had a typical Lithuanian dish, and I wonder how the other nationalities enjoyed potato pancakes and "kugeli."